

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-20 are pending in the application, with claims 1 and 11 being the independent claims. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Claim Objections

Claim 1 stands objected to because of various informalities. Applicants have amended claim 1 to accommodate the Examiner's objection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this objection to claim 1 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Number 2001/0030950 to Chen (herein "Chen"). For the reasons set forth below, Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claim 1 recites in part, the gateway system "determines if the voice packet is destined for the analog telephone or a media terminal adapter" if "the received packet payload is a voice packet." (*see*, Applicants' Claim 1). Applicants respectfully remind the Examiner that a "claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." (*see*, MPEP § 2131). Although Chen mentions a gateway interface that provides "routing or bridging for networking communications, including voice, video, and data communications and coordinates establishing, initializing, and

provisioning broadband, narrow-band and data communications parameters and channels." Chen is silent as to whether its gateway "determines if the voice packet is destined for the analog telephone or a media terminal adapter" if "the received packet payload is a voice packet," as recited in claim 1. (see, Chen, col. 4, para. [0060]). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection to claim 1 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

In addition, claim 1 recites in part, "the gateway depacketizes the voice packet, generates an analog voice signal, and transmits the analog voice signal via the first telephone line to the analog telephone" and the "gateway reformats the voice packet and transmits the reformatted voice packet via the second telephone line to the media terminal adapter" if "the voice packet is destined for the media terminal adapter." (see, claim 1). The Office Action alleges that it "is inherent in Chen's system that packets received at the gateway are reformatted and processed for the appropriate protocol such as analog, fig. 3, 48 or VoIP, paragraph 65." (see, Office Action dated June 13, 2006, Page 3). To show "inherency, the extrinsic evidence 'must make clear that the missing descriptive *matter is necessarily present in the thing described in the reference*, and that it would be so recognized by persons of ordinary skill. Inherency, however, may not be established by probabilities or possibilities. The mere fact that a certain thing may result from a given set of circumstances is not sufficient.'" (*emphasis added*, see, MPEP § 2112). Applicants disagree with Examiner's determination that Applicants' features of depacketizing "the voice packet, generates an analog voice signal, and transmits the analog voice signal via the first telephone line to the analog telephone" and reformatting "the voice packet and transmits the reformatted voice packet via the second telephone line to the media terminal adapter" if "the voice packet is destined for the media terminal adapter" are inherent in Chen's

system. The Office Action fails to make clear that the above mentioned features are necessarily present in the alleged gateway system of Chen. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request more elaboration on the finding of inherency, or the rejection to claim 1 be withdrawn and claim 1 be passed to allowance.

Claims 2-20 depend from Claim 1. For the reasons provided above and further in view of their own features, claims 2-20 are patentable over Chen. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejection to claims 2-20 be withdrawn and claims 2-20 be passed to allowance.

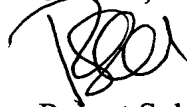
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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